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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:)	
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TOMOHARU TANAKA ET AL.)	GROUP ART UNIT: 2818
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DIV. OF SERIAL NO.: 10/051,372)	EXAMINER: V. NGUYEN
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FILED: HEREWITH)	
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FOR: NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR)	
MEMORY DEVICE ADAPTED TO)	ATTY. DKT. NO. 01701.00676
STORE A MULTI-VALUED DATA IN)	
A SINGLE MEMORY CELL)	

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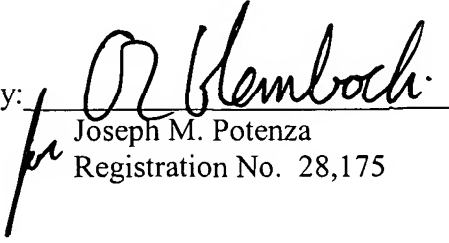
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